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Conduct of certain Police Officers in Tinnevelly district.

*336 Q.—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the course of the judgment given on 24th July 1930 in the Nanguneri Police constable murder case, the District and Sessions Judge of Tinnevelly passed strictures on the conduct of the police men concerned in the case for attempting to outrage the modesty of a villager's wife while travelling in a bus and suggested a departmental enquiry into their conduct; and

(b) what action has been taken against the officers concerned?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The officers concerned have been suitably punished.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know the number of officers concerned in the case?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Five or six people, I think."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know the nature of the punishment inflicted upon them?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"One acting Sub-Inspector has been reduced to the head constable's grade lower than that of his permanent appointment, with no further prospects of promotion, two constables were reduced and three dismissed; and the displeasure of the Inspector-General was also conveyed to the other officers concerned in the matter."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON:—"Will the hon. Member state whether the officers mentioned here, the police constable and the Sub-Inspector, were the people who started the trouble?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I think so, Sir."

Mr. D. THOMAS:—"May I know the names of the constables who were dismissed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have not got their names here."

Mr. D. THOMAS:—"Are the Government aware that the whole trouble started from a Sub-Inspector and constable who travelled without tickets from Tinnevelly in a bus?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I think when the case went up before the Court, all these points were examined."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"Does the hon. Member now realize that the Police morale has gone down?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not think so. In fact, in these stray cases we are punishing them then and there."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON:—"Are the Government aware from the facts of the case that the alleged murderer was beaten in public streets by the police?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" If the hon. Member reads the judgment, he will get the information he wants."

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" Do not the Government feel the necessity of prosecuting the real person concerned ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No."

Civil Justice

Income from court-fees in the District Courts of Chittoor and North Arcot.

* 337 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the court-fees collected in the District Court of North Arcot from the years 1920 to 1930 yearwar ;

(b) the court-fees collected in the District Court of Chittoor from 1910 to 1930 yearwar ; and

(c) the court-fees collected in the District Munsifs' Courts yearwar of Chittoor, Tirupati, Sholinghur, Ranipet, Arni, Madanapalle, Cheyyar and Tiruvannamalai for the years 1910 to 1930 ?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Inclusion of certain villages in the North Arcot and Chittoor districts within the jurisdiction of the District Munsif, Sholinghur.

* 338 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what is the reason for clubbing together within the jurisdiction of the District Munsif of Sholinghur certain villages in the North Arcot district and certain villages in the Chittoor district ?

A.—The Government have no information. Under section 11 of the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873, the local jurisdiction of District Munsifs' Courts is fixed and modified by the High Court.

Alterations in the territorial jurisdictions of the District Munsifs of Chittoor, etc.

* 339 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why there have been many alterations in the territorial jurisdictions of the District Munsifs of Chittoor, Tirupati, Sholinghur, Tiruppattur and Ranipet since 1917 ?

A.—The Government have no information. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 338.

Criminal Justice

Alleged practising of private pleaders at Polur and Tiruvannamalai.

* 340 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that uncertificated private pleaders are allowed to practise before the Sub-Magistrates at Polur, Tiruvannamalai and Chengam ;